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**Lingle says new drug program offers potentially big savings**

By Ken Hupp - 67AM KPUA News

(Ken Hupp-KPUA) Governor Linda Lingle today urged Hawai'i residents to enroll in the state's new Hawai'i rxplus prescription drug program. The enrollment period kicks off tomorrow for the new program designed to assist people who lack complete drug coverage because they cannot afford it or earn too much income to qualify for Medicaid coverage.



During her weekly radio show, heard live on KPUA, Lingle said the program can provide meaningful savings if a significant number of people enroll during the next six months.

"It will only be truly successful if we can get a couple hundred thousand people to sign up," Lingle said. "It's that bargaining power of having that many people enrolled that will allow us to get the deep discounts that will make it a truly meaningful program."

Lingle said people who qualify will receive a membership card that will entitle them to the same discount provided by Medicaid. But the intent of the program is to achieve

the more meaningful discounts the state can negotiate with drug companies if large numbers of people sign up.

To find out more about the program, call the Aloha United Way call center at 2-1-1.

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